

The female, 19.24. Now one of the things I think we have to face is that eventually if what Ernie is saying is that the woman is not going to live any longer than the man, then the actuarial table will eventually show that. That isn't the case today until they reach the age 98. When they reach the age of 98 both the male and the female can expect to live exactly the same length of time, 2.54 years. So what I am saying, until we reach that point, there is no point in our trying to say that men and female are equal in the length of time that they are expected to live and whether we like it or not, if we pass this bill, what we are going to do is not only break the retirement system of our state, we are going to break the retirement system of the counties, the cities, the school boards, just go right on down the line because you cannot pay out over a five year period the amount of money that is going to be necessary without taking into consideration the actuarial tables. I just think we need to know that....I also asked the Retirement Board how much we were behind and the testimony before the Appropriations Committee is that we are \$32 million in arrears at the present time. We can't expect to get to the point where we are actuarially sound until the year 2010, so all we are going to do is make it possible for the younger people who are employed by this state not to get any retirement. If we insist on going this route, I just think we have to face the facts. This is not an issue of male and female being equal. It is an issue of how long do people live.

PRESIDENT: The Chair advises that there are three minutes left on the prescribed fifteen minute term. The Chair recognizes Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I call the question, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do we see five hands? We see five hands. The question is, shall the debate cease. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Clerk, record. Has it really? We don't want to record the vote then yet. The question is, shall the debate cease on the bill, LB 210. Have you all voted? All wishing to vote on the question of shall the debate cease, have you voted? Clerk, record. The question is a Call of the House. All in favor of the House going under Call say aye, opposed no. Motion carried. Machine vote. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We are under Call. All members return to the Chamber, take your seats, record your presence. The Sergeant at Arms and other officials will notify members absent and